



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH



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April 21, 2023

All are welcome at [St. Francis Xavier](#)

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Father James Martin, SJ will Zoom with us on Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 pm CST to talk about his book, "Learning to Pray." You do not need to have participated in a book group to attend the Zoom meeting. Sign-ups are required and space is limited to 100 devices. Go to [Father James Martin, SJ "Learning to Pray" SIGNUP GENIUS](#). The Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants before the event.

POSTPONED ICE CREAM TIME! It's going to be freezing (!) Sunday morning so we are rescheduling The One More Scoop Ice Cream Truck for May or June. TBD.

Pastor's Corner

[SFX Sunday Bulletin](#)

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We continue to pray for all those murdered in our nation, our metro and in our own neighborhood – and “pray by name” as best we can for those killed in Kansas City, Missouri. We share the names reported on the database provided by [The Kansas City Star](#).

52. Reginald E. Byers, Jr. 42, April 19

51. Ahmed Simmons, 35, April 15

50. Malik Akins, 20, April 15

49. Unknown Man, April 14

48. Victor Diaz Jimenez, April 10

Family Faith on April 23: Laudato Si and Care for Creation

Parish Library 9:00 -9:15 Donuts, Juice, Coffee

Chapel 9:15-10:15 Lesson

Our once-a-month intergenerational faith-formation program is for ALL families with school-aged children (and for young adults, elders, and everyone inbetween who wants to deepen their knowledge and faith). **Family Faith** is required for those families who have a child preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion and strongly encouraged for **families with children in Grades 3-4-5**. Contact Mariann McCormally mccormally@sfx-kc.org for more information.

Soul Food Tuesday: Stations of the Resurrection

April 25, 11:00 am on Zoom

We'll be reflecting on the Via Lucis or "Way of Light." This 21st C. tradition includes fourteen Stations which commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus, the Appearances of the Risen Lord, and the Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Contact Mariann mccormally@sfx-kc.org for more information and Zoom link.

Diocesan Annual Day of Prayer in Atonement and for Healing of All Those Harmed by Sexual Abuse Prayer Service

Wednesday, April 26 6:30-7:30 pm

Precious Blood Renewal Center, 2120 St. Gaspar Way, Liberty

This lay-led service is inspired by Seeking Light in the Darkness, created by clergy abuse survivors.

First Communion News

First Communion Family Potluck and Retreat: Sunday, April 30, 11:45 am – 2:30 pm in the Parish Office Center.

First Communion Practice: Wednesday, May 3, 6:30-7:45 pm in the Church.

First Communion Celebration: Sunday, May 7 during 10:30 Mass.

HeART and Soul Art Journaling Group

Monday, May 2, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Hearth Room.

Space is limited. Registration is required. Contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) to reserve your spot).

Heart-to-Heart Humanitarian Day FOR FAMILIES You don't have to travel across the country or fly around the globe to be a humanitarian. Sign up to assemble hygiene kits at our Humanitarian Day on **Saturday, May 20** to get involved with hands-on volunteer activities and help us create a healthier world. Hygiene kits contain essential items like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc., which help people fight infection or disease as they navigate a crisis such as a hurricane or refugees fleeing war. You can make a difference by volunteering at this community event and ensuring kits are available when disaster strikes. **SFX-ers OF ALL AGES are invited to sign up for a one-hour hygiene kit build between 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** [Heart to Heart International: Humanitarian Day 2023 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Looking ahead: Confirmation 2024 for 9th and 10th Graders We have a date! The Bishop will be here on **Monday, February 12, 2024** to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for high school freshmen and sophomores (and older teens). Preparation classes will start in the late summer/early fall. Please contact [Mariann](#) for registration information.

Adopt a Street – Three times a year we clean up one square mile of our beautiful, but stressed planet. We will meet at **SFX at 9:30 THIS Saturday, April 22**, get our supplies, and head over to Tracy and Forest Streets and pick up trash between 55th-60th Streets. ALL ARE WELCOME! Contact Mary Buren or Sue for more information or sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CA5AF2EA6FF2-adopt>

Justice & Life Ministry meets THIS Sunday, April 23 at 9:00 am– Join us in the Romero Room as we learn about the Indian Removal Act and the implications it had (and still has) on Native Americans and discuss upcoming educational and retreat opportunities for our parish.

Mark your Calendars

June 3 - 8:30-12:00 – Violence in our City ½ day Retreat. Join us as we learn more about violence in our city and hear from a panel of experts on its implications.

June 5 – 5:00-7:00 pm – We're going back to **Heart to Heart** to volunteer and make hygiene kits. Click on the [LINK](#) to sign up!

June 11- 11:45-1:15 pm – Health Fair at SFX Stay tuned, stay healthy, and watch for more information!

Food Pantry Needs – Our current needs include: *chili (in cans), canned collard greens, and chicken noodle soup*. Thank you for whatever you can provide!

EmbRace Recommends – Sit in on a discussion **tonight Friday, April 21 from 6:00-7:30 pm** among four Freedom Riders — Joan Browning, Dion Diamond, Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr. and Dr. Lenora Taitt-Magubane — as they speak about their experiences challenging segregation across the American South. This panel of civil rights activists will be moderated by Dr. Carmaletta Williams, Executive Director of the Black Archives of Mid-America. Visit <https://calendar.umkc.edu/shss/event/24178-1> to learn more and register. In person and virtual options are available.

VIRTUAL Ignatian Parish Justice Summit – “Cultivating Communities of Solidarity and Service” **Wednesday, MAY 3, 2023, 11:00-4:30 PM CT**

The Ignatian Parish Justice Summit is created for parishes that have active social justice ministries/committees. (That's us!) In these Zoom sessions we will

- **Form new connections** with parish ministers around the country who are actively engaged in this work.
- **Gain strategies for our parish justice work**, inspired by the Ignatian charism. You'll hear from parish leaders, activists, and both directly-impacted individuals and allies in the contexts of migration, ecology, and racial justice. Throughout the day, you'll be provided with space to start to dream and action plan for revitalizing your community.
- **Explore the principle of Synodality** and the call for broad participation and leadership in faith-justice work.
- **Explore coalition-building** and what collaborative action between parishes and partner organizations could look like.
- **Go to <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/ignatian-parish-justice-summit/>** to register or contact Sue.

IFTJ (Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice) - The IFTJ is the largest annual Catholic social justice gathering in the United States and it is happening **October 28-30, 2023 in Washington, DC**. Registration is open and we reserved 15 spots! If you are interested in going to learn and advocate on Capitol Hill, contact Sue asap to hold your spot! The parish will

pay the registration fee for all attendees as well as purchase a one-of-a-kind T-shirt for you. Attendees are responsible for the flight, hotel, and meals. High schoolers are welcome to attend with a parent. Though the presenters have not been revealed, **THE** top names in social justice typically present – James Martin, SJ, Fr. Greg Boyle, Sr. Norma Pimental, and many, many others!

No Meat May – Start thinking about trying this and see the many ways abstaining from meat helps our planet. <https://www.nomeatmay.org/about/why/save-our-planet>. Contact Sue if you want to talk to a vegetarian and learn how easy it is!

Interested in going to the Border to learn about migration? We have scheduled another Encuentro Trip September 26-October 1. Fr. Rafael and his team will create experiences where we can learn and encounter those in migration. For more information or to sign up, contact Sue.

Action Alert - After over two years of advocacy by residents across the metro area, City of Kansas City, MO formally called on Evergy to shutter this environmental injustice by 2025. Join your community in telling Evergy's President and CEO to commit to closing Hawthorn for good! Sign the petition by clicking here [HERE](#)

From the Diocese, our Apostolates and Neighbors

Earth Day resources from the Jesuits – April 22 Earth Day is a perfect day to watch the new (free) documentary about Laudato Si' called "[The Letter: A Message for Our Earth.](#)" For more resources, check out the official [Earth Day Website](#)

MORE EARTH DAY RESOURCES- APRIL 22 - 2023

Earth Day celebrations began in the U.S. in 1970. It has grown into the largest environmental movement worldwide, engaging over a billion and some 150,000 partnering organizations in 192 countries. Strolling through the Earth Day website ([Earthday.org](#)) any day you like will link you to varied topics like climate literacy, sustainable fashions, food security, nature's wonders, as well as a perspective on the environmental crisis facing our common home.

Journey to Bethany Survivor Gatherings

An online group for survivors of clergy sexual abuse. The group will meet weekly for six sessions guided by the workbook, [Healing Sexual Trauma](#).

Online Survivor Group

Location: Zoom (link provided after registration)

When: Thursday's @ 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Begins: May 4th, weekly for 6 sessions

Register and learn more at: www.journeytobethany.org/survivor-gatherings

Questions? Contact Whitney True-Francis at true-francis@diocesekcsj.org or 816-392-0011.

Recycling Extravaganza

Take advantage of a one-stop recycling event at the Overland Park Recycling

Extravaganza on Earth Day Saturday April 22. Rid your home of old items. The recycling collection is open to everyone, **including non-residents**, and will accept many items that are more difficult to recycle. The event also works with community partners to donate reusable items.

WHEN: Saturday April 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Black & Veatch located at 11401 Lamar Avenue, Overland Park, KS.

DETAILS: OPKansas.org

EVERYONE welcome. There is no residency requirement.

Unless otherwise noted, all items can be recycled free of charge.

Questions? Contact Brenna Duffy

913-895-6339, Brenna.Duffy@opkansas.org

Neighborhood Services Supervisor

The following items will be accepted. The links included in the list below will direct you to the community partners who help with reuse and disposal of items at the event.

- Confidential documents – Suggested donation \$5 per box.
- [Electronics](#) – Computers, TVs, printers, stereos, cables, keyboards, etc.
- Most items accepted free of charge.
- Monitors, TVs, Projectors – \$5 per car
- [Mattresses & box springs](#) – \$10 per piece
- [Medications](#)

Reuse items

All reuse items must be in good or salable condition when donated.

- Clothing
- Building materials – Usable project leftovers or remodel removals
- Toys
- Furniture – Usable furnishings in good condition
- Eyeglasses – Prescription, readers, or sunglasses
- Musical instruments – No pianos, organs, or drums
- Shoes
- Fabric
- Bikes

Celebrate Eid and the end of Ramadan with our Muslim Friends – Sunday, April 23, 1:00-3:00 Shawnee Mission Park, Shelter 6 You are invited to celebrate the end of Ramadan with baklava, cookies, pastries and MORE! Sponsored by the Dialogue Institute.

Project Homeless Connect Project Homeless Connect is an annual, one-day free event for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Kansas City. Right now, there are nearly 1733 people in Kansas City experiencing homelessness and 386 are under the age of 18.

With your help, participants are given access to difficult-to-obtain services including medical services, vision care, identification procurement, food and nutrition benefits, employment assistance, housing assistance and more.

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Gregg/Klice Community Center (1600 E. 17th Terr, Kansas City, MO 64108)

Sign up to volunteer: <https://projecthomelessconnectkc.com/>

Ann, Becca, Fr. Jim, Laura, Mariann, Peggy, and Sue

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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Rockhurst Univ Security: 816-501-4010

Please put the RU Security number in your phone for quick access.